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Honorable Sonny Purdue  
Secretary of Agriculture  
US Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Secretary  
1400 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC. 20250

RE: Alaska Roadless Rulemaking

Dear Secretary Purdue:

The City of Gustavus, Alaska has corresponded with you, Alaska Regional Forester David Schmidt, and Tongass National Forest Supervisor, Earl Stewart regarding the Department's efforts regarding the Alaska specific Roadless Rule. We sent detailed comments on Nov. 20, 2018 and Resolution CY19-31 (attached) to your Rulemaking team.

It is our understanding that your Rulemaking Team is nearing completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and identifying a preferred alternative. We are requesting that an Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act Section 810 public hearing be conducted in the City of Gustavus. Our initial comments highlighted our concerns about subsistence resources and many of our citizens rely on the Tongass National Forest for their subsistence needs of wild renewable resources.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in helping set up the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Calvin Casipit  
Mayor – City of Gustavus

CC: Alaska Regional Forester - David Schmid  
Tongass Forest Supervisor - Earl Stewart